
Austrian Chairmanship

270th PLENARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

1. Date: Thursday, 17 February 2000

Opened: 10.55 a.m.

Closed: 1 p.m.

2. Chair: Ms. J. Stefan-Bastl
Mr. H.-P. Glanzer

Prior to the opening of the Plenary Meeting of the Permanent Council, Ambassador Jan Eliasson, Chairman of the Working Table III on Security Issues of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe, addressed a joint meeting of the Permanent Council and the Forum for Security Co-operation (see Annex).

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

Agenda item 1: OSCE HIGH COMMISSIONER ON NATIONAL
MINORITIES

OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities, Chair,
Portugal-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia,
Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic,
Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Turkey) (PC.DEL/78/00), the former
Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, United States of America (PC.DEL/85/00),
Canada

Agenda item 2: REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES

- (a) *Ratification of the Memorandum of Understanding between Ukraine and the OSCE*: Ukraine, Canada, United States of America, Portugal-European Union

- (b) *Situation in the Chechen Republic of the Russian Federation and the disappearance of Russian journalist Andrei Babitsky*:
Portugal-European Union (also on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia,
Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic,
Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Turkey) (PC.DEL/79/00), Canada,
United States of America (PC.DEL/83/00), Czech Republic, Switzerland,
Ireland (SEC.DEL/50/00), Russian Federation, Chair

- (c) *Recent developments in the peace process in Northern Ireland:* Russian Federation (PC.DEL/72/00), United Kingdom (PC.DEL/82/00), Ireland (PC.DEL/80/00), United States of America, Chair
- (d) *Language rights of the Russian national minority in Ukraine:* Ukraine (SEC.DEL/48/00), Russian Federation
- (e) *Parliamentary elections in Kyrgyzstan on 20 February 2000:* Kyrgyzstan (PC.DEL/77/00)
- (f) *Meeting of the Working Table II on Economic Reconstruction, Development and Co-operation of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe in Skopje on 10 and 11 February 2000:* the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (PC.DEL/75/00), Chair

Agenda item 3: CONTINUED OSCE FOCUS ON YUGOSLAVIA (SERBIA AND MONTENEGRO)

Chair, France, United States of America (PC.DEL/81/00), Switzerland, Russian Federation, Portugal-European Union (SEC.DEL/46/00)

Agenda item 4: REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CHAIRPERSON-IN-OFFICE

Visit of the President of Kazakhstan to the OSCE: Chair

Agenda item 5: REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

None

Agenda item 6: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) *Renovation of Neuer Saal and subsequent move to Redoutensaal:* Chair, Luxembourg
- (b) *Third meeting of the Heads of State or Government of South-Eastern European countries in Bucharest on 12 February 2000:* Romania (PC.DEL/87/00) (SEC.DEL/42/00)
- (c) *Workshop for representatives of Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation in May 2000 and request for voluntary contributions:* Romania (PC.DEL/88/00)
- (d) *Environmental accident in Romania on 30 and 31 January 2000:* Romania (SEC.DEL/44/00)

4. Next meeting:

Thursday, 24 February 2000, at 10 a.m., in the Neuer Saal

270th Plenary Meeting**JOINT MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL
AND THE FORUM FOR SECURITY CO-OPERATION**

1. Date: Thursday, 17 February 2000

Opened: 9.45 a.m.

Closed: 10.55. a.m.

2. Chair: Ms. J. Stefan-Bastl (Austria)
Mr. J. De Fonblanque (Forum for Security Co-operation) (United Kingdom)

3. Subjects discussed - Statements - Decisions:

Agenda item 1: CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING TABLE III ON SECURITY
ISSUES OF THE STABILITY PACT FOR SOUTH EASTERN
EUROPE

Chair (United Kingdom), Chairman of the Working Table III on Security
Issues of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe (PC.DEL/74/00)
(SEC.DEL/49/00), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Portugal-European Union (also
on behalf of Bulgaria, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta,
Poland, Romania, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia, the Czech Republic and
Turkey) (PC.DEL/76/00), Switzerland, Norway, Romania (PC.DEL/86/00),
United States of America (PC.DEL/84/00), France, Russian Federation, Chair
(Austria)

Agenda item 2: ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None